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1. LABOR ATTACHE, WHO HAS DEVELOPED FAIRLY CLOSE, GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LABOR SECRETARY PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA, PERSONALLY CALLED ON LATTER AFTERNOON OF MAY 23 TO DISCUSS 1978 ILO CONFERENCE. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY USG ATTITUDE FOR OJEDA, GAVE HIM ENGLISH TEXT OF REFTEL PARAS (A) THROUGH (H) AND UNOFFICIAL SPANISH TRANSLATION OF SAME. HE ALSO LEFT COPIES OF USG VIEWS FOR DRA. AIDA GONZALEZ (SECLAB DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) AND DR. GUIDO BELSASSO (DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAT'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LABOR STUDIES-INET), WHO WILL BE PRINCIPAL GOM AIDES TO OJEDA AT ILO CONFERENCE.

2. OJEDA READ BOTH SPANISH TRANSLATION AND ENGLISH TEXT TWICE BEFORE COMMENTING THAT HE WAS BASICALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION. HE TOLD LABATT THAT HE HOPES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SESSION TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CHANGES WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY "CHECK THE TREND TOWARD USE OF THE ILO AS A FORUM FOR MAJOR POLITICAL BATTLES." "GOVERNMENT TREATMENT
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OF WORKERS AND THEIR RIGHTS IS POLITICAL AND IN THIS SENSE WE CAN NEVER HAVE AN EFFECTIVE ILO WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY APOLITICAL--BUT WE CAN AND SHOULD CONFINE OUR EFFORTS TO LABOR ISSUES", HE ADDED. HE SAID HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THIS SESSION "CAN AND SHOULD FIND A COMPROMISE WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF THE U.S." HE BELIEVES THIS IS NECESSARY TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF THE ILO.

3. AFTER STATING HIS BASIC AGREEMENT WITH OUR POSITION, HOWEVER, OJEDA TURNED AGAIN TO THE ENGLISH TEXT OF PARA (G) REGARDING ILO STRUCTURE. WHILE COMMENTING THAT HE TOO AGREED THAT "THE INTEGRITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY MUST BE PRESERVED", HE SAID THAT "SIZE HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH INTEGRITY AND THAT A LARGER GOVERNING BODY CAN BE JUST AS ETHICAL AS A SMALLER ONE." HE INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH MEXICO IS NOT COMMITTED TO THE IMEC OR G-77 PROPOSALS, IT IS PRESENTLY "IN SYMPATHY WITH SOME COMPROMISE ALONG THESE LINES." HE SAID THAT IF SUCH A COMPROMISE (TO ENLARGE THE GOVERNING BODY) WOULD REPRESENT "A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO U.S. REENTRY", HE WAS "GENUINELY CONCERNED BECAUSE I FEEL SOME INCREASE OR CHANGE IN THE DELEGATE-ALTERNATE STATUS IS INEVITABLE."

4. HE WENT ON FOR ALMOST AN HOUR DISCUSSING OTHER POINTS OF THE U.S. POSITION ("DUE PROCESS--I COULD NOT BE MORE IN AGREEMENT") AND SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT THE "PAPER IS BASICALLY GOOD." NEVERTHELESS, HE RETURNED TO PARA (G) COMMENTING TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS IS WHERE THE "DIFFERENCE" OR "TROUBLE" LIES.

5. OJEDA WILL BE LEAVING MEXICO FOR NEW YORK ON THE AERO-MEX JUNE 3 FLIGHT ACCOMPANIED BY BELSASSO AND "TEN OR 12 OTHERS" AND WILL ARRIVE IN GENEVA ON JUNE 4.
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ANOTHER GOM GROUP HEADED BY AIDA GONZALEZ WILL LEAVE JUNE 4 AND GO DIRECTLY TO GENEVA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WORKER DELEGATE ALFONSO SANCHEZ MADARIAGA ATTENDED THE ICFTU AND DGB MEETINGS IN HAMBURG AND WILL VACATION IN EUROPE UNTIL TIME FOR THE ILO MEETING.

6. COMMENT: OJEDA SEEMED APPRECIATIVE OF GETTING CURRENT OFFICIAL USG POSITION ON THE ILO (FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AIDA GONZALEZ HAD BEEN ASKING LABATT FOR USG VIEWS). HE APPEARED SINCERE IN CLAIMING THAT HE WANTS TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT CHANGES WHICH THE U.S. WOULD DEEM A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR A DECISION TO RETURN TO THE ILO, AND WORRIED THAT OUR POSITION AS OUTLINED IN PARA (G) MIGHT PROVE TO BE THE MAJOR OBSTACLE. LUCEY

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